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SUBJECT: GULF OIL

REF: LA PAZ 3259

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT AND HELPFUL STEPS TAKEN BY EMBASSY LA PAZ IN FACILITATING TRANSMISSION OF GULF MESSAGE TO GOB. AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT INFORMED ORTIZ OF MAY 9-10 DEVELOPMENTS IN LA PAZ, FOR WHICH HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL.

2. ORTIZ REITERATED THAT PRIOR TO SCHEDULED TESTIMONY BY GULF PRESIDENT DORSEY BEFORE CHURCH COMMITTEE ON MAY 16, COMPANY IS PLANNING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO LA PAZ TO
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PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA.

ORTIZ INDICATED COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO USE DEPARTMENT AS COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL TO CONVEY TO GOB FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIMING OF VISIT. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM ORTIZ THAT SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY COMPANY THROUGH BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR DIRECTLY TO GOB IN LA PAZ. BEGIN FYI. WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATION THAT BOLIVIAN AMBASADOR CAPRILES PREFERS TO BE THE PRIMARY CONTACT POINT FOR GULF HERE. END FYI.

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DESPITE IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICIES IN BOLIVIA, THIS CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA AND GULF OIL. THUS, WE PREFER TO KEEP USG INVOLVEMENT TO THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL CONCERNED. INGERSOLL

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